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For Immediate Release

Colman Rutkin: A Visual Journey Opens at the Staten Island Museum

(Staten Island, NY – October 16, 2012) *Colman Rutkin: A Visual Journey*, the Staten Island Museum's latest art exhibit opened this Sunday to an energetic crowd of art enthusiasts and weekend museum goers. The show, held at 75 Stuyvesant Place, is made up of Rutkin's paintings, drawings and prints that explore an interior world of poetry and philosophy through forms rendered in rich and subtle tones. *A Visual Journey* will be on view through January 21, 2013.

About the Exhibit

A Visual Journey is comprised of a series of Colman Rutkin prints, drawings and paintings that are intimate journeys through nature, memory and myth. Rutkin creates from his extraordinary interior vision stemming from mythic storytelling and his need to explore new worlds. The exhibit stands as Rutkin's visual journal of the vividness of life and those things that have held his attention longest.

"It's all about painting, not storytelling or sense of place...Rutkin delights in the abstract vocabulary offered by the physicality of the paint on paper or canvas. There is no illusion here....At the same time he reveals himself. He loves nature-exotic plants, shells, light and shadow. His work testifies to the joy of the creative act itself, his creative set." - Barnett Shepherd, Historian and Art Lover

About the Artist

Colman Rutkin was born in Tampa, Florida, received his BA in Humanities from the University of South Florida in Tampa and his MFA in Printmaking and Photography from Florida State University in Tallahassee. Mr. Rutkin served as the Head of the photographic lab of the Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Department of State, State of Florida. Mr. Rutkin was also a teacher of photography, printmaking and humanities, and is presently a partner in **Four Hands Design Studio** with artist/artisan Sage Reynolds.

"Rutkin belongs to a lineage of artists who conjure up images from within their minds, with the goal of making the abstract concrete. His tools for accomplishing this are usually a narrow range of colors, and subtle chiaroscuro modeling to make forms hover in a sort of cosmic space. It is the space of the microscopic and intergalactic." - Robert Bunkin, Curator of Art, Staten Island Museum.

Related Programs

Artist Talk

Sunday, November 4, 1:00pm at the Staten Island Museum, 75 Stuyvesant Place
Meet the artist and explore his work. Free with Museum admission, open to the public.

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, October 25, 12:00pm – 2:00pm at the Staten Island Museum, 75 Stuyvesant Place
Join guest speaker, Colman Rutkin as he discusses his newly installed work in Gallery A. Assorted gourmet sandwiches will be served. Reservations required, \$28./\$22 Members. Call 718.483.7135.

Photo: Colman Rutkin: *A Visual Journey* Opening Reception at the Staten Island Museum, courtesy of the artist.

Interregnum
oil on panel
Colman Rutkin

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About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 130th year, the Staten Island Museum, New York City's only general interest museum, engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history based on its diverse collections. The Museum welcomes about 80,000 adults and school children to a comprehensive array of programs every year. Located two blocks from the Ferry Terminal, visitors can embark on a voyage through time in the Staten Island Ferry exhibit; see rocks glow in the dark in the Hall of Natural Sciences; and experience the lives of Staten Island's first inhabitants. In Building H on the Snug Harbor Campus, visitors can explore the latest exhibitions in the History Center Gallery, or make a research appointment for the History Archives & Library. Staten Island Museum is owned by the City of New York and benefits from public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. For current exhibitions, visit Statenislandmuseum.org

Visitor Information

Staten Island Museum (St. George)

75 Stuyvesant Place

Hours:

Monday – Friday: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Universal Accessibility

Recommended Admission

Adults \$3.

Students & Seniors \$2.

Members & Children under 12 FREE

History Center & Archives

1000 Richmond Terrace, Snug Harbor, Bldg H

Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00pm – 4:00pm

By appointment only.

Contact Cara Dellatte at 718.483.7122

History Gallery Hours

Tuesday – Friday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

FREE